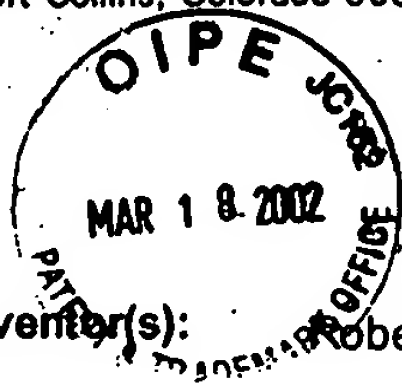


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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated 2/20/02, rejecting the following claims 1, 3-13 and 15-23.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$320.00.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

(X) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)) for

(X) one month	\$110.00	03/19/2002 CV0111	00000112 082025	09371708
() two months	\$400.00	01 FC:119	320.00 CH	
() three months	\$900.00	02 FC:115	110.00 CH	
() four months	\$1440.00			

() The extension fee has already been filed in this application.

() (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account 08-2025 the sum of \$420.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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